

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 2-5, 7, 8, 10, and 13-20 are greatly appreciated. Accordingly, claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 so that claim 1 now constitutes claim 2 rewritten in allowable independent form. Additionally, each of claims 3-5, 10 & 13 have also been rewritten in allowable independent form. Furthermore, claims 2, 21 and 22 have been canceled. Accordingly, all of the remaining claims are claims which have been found to contain patentable subject matter by the Examiner or are dependent from such a claim. Thus, as a result of the above actions, this application should now be in condition for allowance and action to that effect is hereby requested.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with applicant's representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Lastly, it is noted that a separate Extension of Time Petition accompanies this response along with a check in payment of the requisite extension of time fee. However, should that petition become separated from this Amendment, then this Amendment should be construed as containing such a petition. Likewise, any overage or shortage in the required payment should be applied to Deposit Account No. 19-2380 (742114-5).

Respectfully submitted,



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